SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE

PROCEEDINGS

ORDER OF SUMMARY

SUSPENSION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

RE: TERESA T. NEUROTH, R.N.

License No. R-032526,

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Licensee.

WHEREAS, Teresa T. Neuroth, R.N., ("Licensee"), is licensed to practice as a registered nurse in the State of South Dakota and hold license number R-032526; and

WHEREAS, said Licensee in March, 2006, made a self report to the South Dakota Board of Nursing of a urinalysis which tested positive for cannabis during an employment screen. The Licensee, on March 29, 2006, attended an Informal Meeting with the South Dakota Board of Nursing staff, where she agreed to a Voluntary Refrain from Practice and agreed to undergo a chemical dependency evaluation. Based on the above, the South Dakota Board of Nursing ("the Board") on April 19, 2006, mandated the Licensee into the Health Professionals Assistance Program ("HPAP") for a term of one year.

On September 8, 2006, a random urinalysis obtained through HPAP monitoring, showed a positive result for cannabis. On October 11, 2006, the Licensee wrote to the Board regarding the demands being placed on her by the HPAP program and expressed her desire to be released from her mandated HPAP. The Licensee also terminated her participation with HPAP; and

WHEREAS, the Licensee had agreed that she would surrender her South Dakota Nurses License with said approval of surrender to be presented to the Board of Nursing at its February, 2007, meeting; and

WHEREAS, on January 2, 2007, Licensee corresponded with the Board of Nursing staff, indicating that she wanted to withdraw her consent to voluntarily surrender her South Dakota Nursing License and has requested a formal hearing before the Board; and

WHEREAS, based upon the above conduct, the Board has concluded that the public health, safety and welfare requires emergency action, in that Licensee's actions may endanger the health and safety of those who are, or will be, entrusted to her care in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Board, has a statutory obligation to protect the health, safety and welfare set forth in SDCL §36-9, including the protection of the public from unsafe nursing practices and practitioners.

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. That the Board has jurisdiction of the Licensee and the subject matter of this Order.
- 2. That based on the above, the Board specifically finds that the public health, safety and welfare requires emergency action against Licensee's license.
 - 3. That based on the above, the Board specifically finds that the Licensee has

not observed the terms and conditions set forth in her Participation Agreement with HPAP and that the actions of Licensee endangers the public health, safety and welfare, and imperatively requires emergency action in that Licensee's may endanger the health and safety of those persons who are or will be entrusted to her care in the future and that these are matters of a nature that would constitute further grounds for discipline of her license to practice nursing under SDCL § 36-9-49.

- 4. Based upon these findings, Licensee's license to practice nursing in South Dakota is hereby summarily suspended. Licensee may petition according to SDCL § 36-9-57 for reinstatement of her license at anytime for "good cause" and upon the completion of all terms and conditions of her participation in HPAP, their evaluation and subsequent clearance. This Order also affects licensee's privilege to practice in South Dakota. Should licensee change her home state under the Nurse Licensure Compact, then licensee's practice privilege is subject to the same requirements as set forth in this order as her South Dakota license.
- 5. That Licensee shall turn in her license to the Board within ten (10) days from the date of this Order and it shall be kept by the Board until further action on this matter.
- 6. Licensee is hereby notified that any practice of or holding herself out as a practical nurse during the terms of this Order of Summary Suspension is a violation of SDCL § 36-9-68.

The South Board of Nursing at its meeting on the _____ day of February, 2007, approved this Order of Summary Suspension as written without modifications and issues its Order of Summary Suspension consistent herein as follows:

Gloria Damgaard, Executive Director

NOTICE OF HEARING

The South Dakota Board of Nursing ("Board") pursuant to SDCL §§ 1-26-16, 1-26-27, and 1-26-29, hereby provides this Notice of Hearing to Teresa T. Neuroth, R.N., License No. R-032526 ("Licensee") as follows:

- 1. Hearing on the Order of Summary Suspension will take place before the Board on April 17, 2007, at 2:00 o'clock p.m. at the Board of Nursing Office, located at 4305 S. Louise Avenue, Suite 201, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
- 2. This matter is an adversarial proceeding and Licensee has the right to be present at the hearing and to be represented by an attorney. These due process rights will be forfeited if they are not exercised at the hearing.
 - 3. Licensee has a right to request that the agency use the Office of Hearing

Order of Summary Suspension and Notice of Hearing

Examiners for this proceeding by giving notice of the request to the Board no later than ten (10) days after the service of this Notice of Hearing on Order of Summary Suspension.

A decision issued by the Board after the hearing may be appealed to the 4. circuit court and to the state Supreme Court as provided by law.

Dated this 7th day of Libruary, 2007.

SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

Gloria Damgaard, Executive Director